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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with species I (Figs. 1 and; claims 1 - 3, 6 - 11 and 14 - 17).

This election is made with traverse. Claim 1 is generic to both of Species I and II and is allowable.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.